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Memorandum

TO: Commission DATE: September 21, 2011

FR: Legislation Committee WI: 1131

RE: <u>Committee Recommendations</u>

The Legislation Committee met on September 9 and referred two items to the Commission.

1. MTC Resolution No. 4031 — Tiger III

Resolution No. 4031 lists five Bay Area projects totaling \$78 million in grant requests for regional endorsement and submittal to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) III Discretionary Grants. This includes \$15 million related to a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan.

Committee Recommendation: Approve MTC Resolution No. 4031

2. H.R. 2412 (McGovern/S. 1034 (Schumer)

H.R. 2412 and S. 1034 are companion bills that would change the federal transportation fringe benefit program, per Internal Revenue Code 132 (f), to provide the same federal tax savings of \$230 per month regardless of whether employees drive to work alone, take transit or vanpool.

Committee Recommendation: Support H.R. 2412 (McGovern)/S. 1034 (Schumer)